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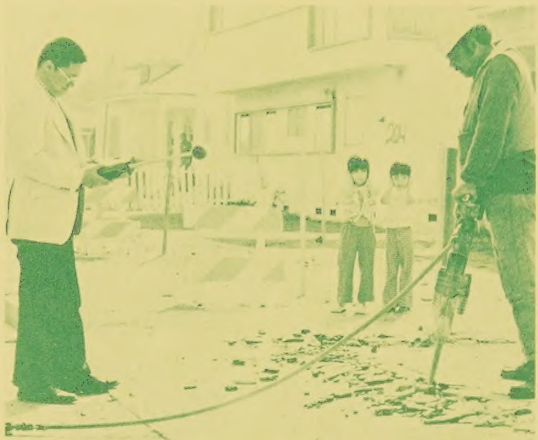
We're All Concerned About . . .

- Health
- Noise
- Air Pollution
- Water Quality
- Traffic
- Population Density
- Solid Waste Management
- Off Shore Drilling
- Conservation of Energy
- Insecticides and Pesticides
- Recycling
- Archeological Sites

**. . . And Your
Department of Environmental Quality
Is Doing Something About Them!**



The Santa Monica Mountains provide the last air shed in Los Angeles. To help prevent any worsening of air quality, rigid planning is necessary to supervise building and development in the Mountains that would destroy this natural resource of clean air.



A Department of Environmental Quality noise expert measures the sound of a jackhammer to assure that noise limits are not exceeded.

The City of Los Angeles established the Department of Environmental Quality by Ordinance on June 21, 1972. The new agency was given many duties affecting the environmental interests of the City. Among them are:

1. Identifying significant environmental problems and recommending solutions.
2. Formulating standards for the preservation and enhancement of the City's environment.
3. Enforcing those elements of the environmental program for which the City has jurisdiction.
4. Receiving and reviewing citizen complaints concerning environmental matters.
5. Maintaining one central repository of environmental documents for the convenience of the public.

Also . . .

The Department of Environmental Quality Provides These Public Services . . .

- Reviews Environmental Impact Reports for both public and private building projects. EIR's are required by State law as a means of identifying and preventing environmental problems before they happen.
- Holds public hearings on Environmental Impact Reports and any other matter of environmental concern to the public.
- Handles calls from citizens complaining on any environmental matter.
- Encourages the growth of our economy by providing a new industry in environmental protection—a business that hires thousands of workers and spends billions of dollars in pollution abatement each year.



Lead and carbon monoxide fallout from automobiles spill onto parks, playgrounds and houses built too close to freeways, endangering the health of children and adults playing or living too close to freeways.



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Using the many recycling stations around the City helps preserve our fast diminishing natural resources. Last year one out of four aluminum cans was recycled. It only takes 5 percent of the energy to get the same amount of aluminum from a can as it does from the original bauxite.



New methods of resource recovery of solid wastes provide a desirable alternative to the environmentally unsuitable landfill activity.

Do You Know What To Do In A Smog Alert?

Every citizen has a personal responsibility to act in a Smog Alert. Only with citizen participation can smog levels be quickly reduced and air quality improved.

STAGE 1 Limit driving as much as possible.

STAGE 2 Curtail activities to only necessary driving. Car pools are advised.

STAGE 3 Do not drive. Listen to your radio for Smog Emergency Episode Instructions.

Protect Your Health During Smog Alerts

If you feel any ill effects during any alert — follow these instructions.

AVOID STRENUOUS OUTDOOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (athletic activities, jogging, etc.) during an episode. Avoid exertion or excitement which increases your breathing rate and the body's oxygen needs. Plan other diverting activity for the young.

REMAIN INDOORS until the episode is terminated. Keep doors and windows closed, if possible. (Indoor concentrations of oxidant may be about one-half of the outdoor levels.) Use your air conditioner if you have one, to recirculate indoor air and keep cool. High temperatures may add stress to the pollutant effects. An activated charcoal system can further reduce oxidant levels.

DO NOT SMOKE (and avoid places where others are smoking). Pollutants from smoking make the health challenge worse.

AVOID AEROSOLS, DUSTS, FUMES, AND OTHER IRRITANTS. Reduce to a minimum domestic activities, cooking, hobbies or occupations which produce them.

AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTED AREAS where pollutants are being generated, if you must be outside.

AVOID CONTACT with persons suffering from respiratory infections.

PLAN YOUR ACTIVITIES. During air pollution seasons, listen to forecasts and postpone unnecessary activities on "episode" days. Most "peak values" of oxidant occur between mid-morning and late afternoon, but in Eastern portions of the Los Angeles Basin they occur into the evening. Use other hours for your exercise and other outdoor activities. Obtain sufficient rest and sleep.

If you want to discuss or express your environmental concerns, contact:

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